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Dear Joshua:

Although you have recently indicated that it is impossible for you to join in the Iowa summer study, I hope that you will not think me obdurate if I persist in trying to persuade you to attend for at least the week of June 25-30. You will see from the enclosed memorandum that we are developing plans for an intensive working group session dealing with questions of fundamental biological research in space and exobiology. I think you will also agree that the line-up of people as indicated in the distribution list shown on this memorandum is superb and that such participation affords the prospect of a very worthwhile week of discussions. I urge you as strongly as I know how that you also plan to attend during this week. As a matter of fact, several individuals who are coming have directly asked me if you would be present. I have told them that you are out of the country but that I expect to press for your attendance as soon as I can reach you. These people have urged me to be as forceful as I know how.

Assuming that you will now find it desirable to be present during this week, may I ask that you immediately complete and return the enclosed forms so that we can make arrangements for accommodations.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director Space Science Summer Study

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